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## FORTY-TWO KILLED IN WRECK IN INDIANA.

### Two Cars Meet on Sharp Curve.

### TWENTY ARE INJURED

Victims Were Trolley Riding to Fort Wayne Fair.

### BODIES HORRIBLY MANGLED

Pathetic Scenes Witnessed as Relatives Identify Their Dead and Injured By Clothing and Jewelry—Wreck Due to Misunderstood Order.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Sept. 22.—In the most disastrous traction car wreck that has marked interurban traffic since the system was established, 42 persons were killed and 20 or more seriously injured when a southbound limited and a northbound local car on the Wabash Valley line collided near Kingsland, north of this city. The accident occurred on a short curve, and many of the bodies were so mangled that identification is rendered slow, if not in some cases impossible.

The identified dead are: William Beer, L. Bird, Lloyd Brown, newspaper man; W. E. Bowman, William Burgh, Mrs. William Burgh, H. D. Cook, William Corkwell, motorman; Ernest Crouse, Miss Falk, Miss Mary Folk, Jesse Huffman, L. S. Justus, general manager Bluffton, Geneva & Celina traction line; Harold Nelson, Seymour Robinson, Democratic candidate for county auditor; Miss Pearl Saylor, Pearl Taylor, Ralph Webster and Oscar Zimmer, all of Bluffton, Ind.; and Howard Daugherty, Huntington, Ind.; R. F. Folk, Washington, Ind.; R. J. Falk, Bryan, O.; Jesse Huffman, Warren county, Ind.; J. E. Hyde, Portland, Ind.; Mrs. Lola King, Warren, Ind.; William King, Warren, Ind.; Charles E. Eber, Uniondale, Ind.; George Smothers, Warren, Ind.; Lloyd Stram, Uniondale, Ind.; Amos Stuckey, Vera Cruz, Ind.; Jacob Schwartz, Uniondale, Ind.; F. R. Tah, Warren; D. W. Thompson, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Silas Thomas, Warren; Miss Bertha Tripplet, Warren; John W. Tripplet, Warren; B. Winters, Warren.

Hardly any of the passengers in the two cars escaped injury, but the less seriously hurt gave what assistance they could, and in a few moments 26 bodies, horribly mutilated, were carried to the roadside and laid along the track. Others were so pinned in the debris that they could not be reached till wrecking crews arrived upon the scene. The northbound car was loaded with people coming to the county fair here, and among them were many women and children.

Orders Misunderstood. What led to the accident is not known, but it is supposed that there was a misunderstanding of orders. The car carrying the people to the fair was an extra, and it is believed that its position on the road was not definitely known, and the limited, running on schedule, was not aware of its existence.

The scenes following the wreck were peculiarly pathetic. Mothers saw the mangled forms of children and a husband saw a wife or a wife a husband taken out so mangled that identification could be made only from the clothing. Physicians and nurses were rushed to the scene of the wreck from this city and other places on the line, and many of the injured are now in hospitals. Some of them died before medical attention could be given, and two died while being conveyed to hospitals.

Of the identified dead, 18 were from Bluffton, and many of them were among the most wealthy class. They were going to see the races at the Fort Wayne fair, and just as the two cars met many of them were singing comic songs and cracking jokes. There were a number of young people in the northbound car and they had been in a specially hilarious mood from the time the car left Bluffton.

### GOES OVER EMBANKMENT

Woman Killed and 25 Injured In Wreck at Conant, O.

Lima, O., Sept. 22.—Half an hour late and running 50 miles an hour, the Chicago & Erie railroad fast train No. 4, eastbound, was wrecked near Conant, nine miles west of here, killing an aged woman and injuring 25 persons. The smoker, day coach and two Pullman cars left the track and were overturned in a ditch 20 feet deep. The track at the point where the wreck occurred had recently been raised several inches.

The dead: Mrs. Mary Langon Strait of Brooklyn, N. Y., killed instantly.

## CHRISTYS DIDN'T UNITE

Zanesville, O., Sept. 22.—It developed that the reconciliation between Howard Chandler Christy, the artist, and his estranged wife did not take place. It was learned that she refused to stay at the Christy country home over night if Christy remained there, and the artist accordingly motored to Zanesville and quietly registered at a hotel, keeping his identity a secret. Mrs. Christy spent the night with her little daughter, Natalie, who last winter was given to the custody of the artist.

## SUES FOR DAMAGES

Cincinnati, O., Sept. 22.—In a suit filed in the Kenton county (Ky.) circuit court against Henry Polzner of West Covington, it is alleged he alienated the affections of Mrs. William Chadderton and that the woman committed suicide when she became stricken by remorse. The suit was filed by William Chadderton, the woman's husband, and asks for \$25,000 damages.

### LABOR LEADERS CONFER

Resolve to Continue Support of Columbus Car Strike

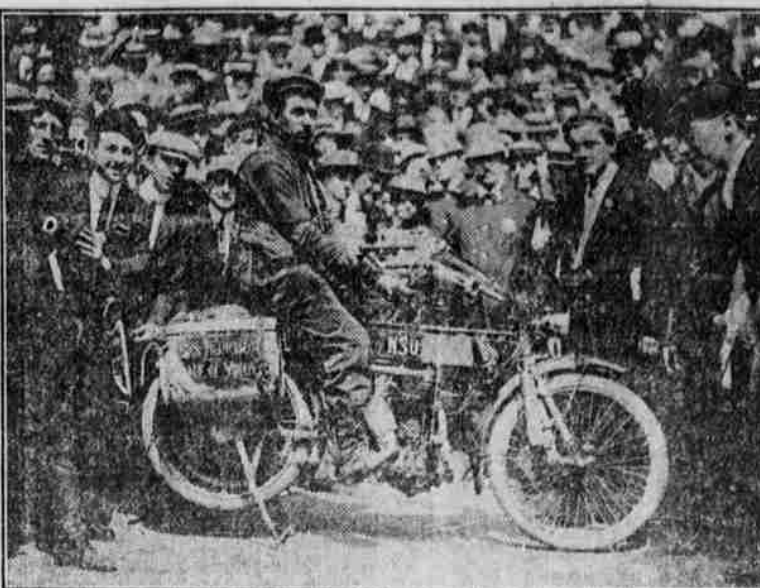
Columbus, O., Sept. 22.—Although called for the announced purpose of taking hostile action against Governor Harmon for his refusal to interfere in the streetcar strike, the governor is not mentioned in resolutions adopted at a conference of labor leaders from various parts of the state. The resolutions pledge the delegates to urge local unions to come to the financial assistance of the strikers, to help establish the company formed by unionists to operate motor busses in opposition to streetcars and to report to the locals all facts stated in the resolutions and "urge immediate action" to the end that the enemies of labor may be taught that they can not prevail against organized labor, aroused and united.

In the body of the resolutions it is recited that "after examining the report of the committee to confer with the governor, we realize that he can't be induced to take action on behalf of arbitration, as we have wished him to do."

Oil Interests Organize. Chicago, Sept. 22.—A meeting of independent oil interests, representing more than a score of oil producers, refiners and jobbers of Pennsylvania and the central states, was held behind closed doors. All who attended refused to say what the object of the gathering was, and all that could be learned at the close of the session was that those present formed an organization.

Procrastination is one of the most expensive forms of happiness.—Life.

## Travels 3,836 Miles on Motorcycle In Record Time



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Having traveled 3,836 miles on a motorcycle from San Francisco to New York city to visit relatives, William Streiff arrived at his destination with just \$1.40 in cash and lots of valuable experience, not the least of which was the breaking of the world's record in crossing the continent. He was just twenty-eight days and three hours on the trip, and the best previous record was made by C. A. Miller, who took thirty-one days, twelve hours and fifteen minutes to go from coast to coast. During his long journey Streiff never wore a coat and says that he did not suffer greatly from cold weather. He was armed when he started from San Francisco, but before he had traveled a hundred miles he lost his revolver and continued his trip without weapons, which he says are not needed by transcontinental tourists. He was subject to much inconvenience, however, by the efforts of small tradesmen to "hold him up" for gasoline. Some of them demanded as much as 50 cents a gallon for the necessary fluid. He is a member of the Federation of American Motorcyclists and has made long journeys before, but it was not until he arrived in New York state that he was halted by a farmer, who wanted to inquire whether he "lit up" his goggles at night. Streiff declares that the air in the front tire of his motorcycle is the same that was injected when the machine was shipped to California and that he did not touch the tube until he arrived with it in Gotham. The rear tire suffered several punctures en route.

## CRIPPEN TO BE TRIED AT OCTOBER TERM

London, Sept. 22.—Dr. H. H. Crippen and Miss Ethel Clare Leneve were bound over to the central criminal court (Old Bailey), to be tried at the October term for the murder of Belle Elmore Crippen, the doctor's wife, Arthur Newton, attorney for the prisoners, offered no defense at the conclusion of the hearing in the Bow street police court, explaining to

Magistrate Drutzen that he would reserve the defense until they are placed on trial.

Kills Brother-in-Law For Deer. Utica, N. Y., Sept. 22.—Clifford Judd shot and instantly killed his brother-in-law, Theron Plum, near Tupper Lake, in the Adirondacks, mistaking him for a deer.

## THE LATEST ORDERS BALDWIN RESIGNS

Marietta, O., Sept. 22.—The board of health issued an order that all children under 15 years of age must stay off the streets, under penalty of arrest, until the scarlet fever scare ends. The general situation is improving. Quarantines have been put back on houses from which the health officer had removed them without authority of the board.

Freight Rates Suspended. Washington, Sept. 22.—An order issued by the interstate commerce commission suspends until Jan. 5, 1911, the proposed increase in rates on 40 railroads in the middle west. It affects nearly all the railroads centering in Chicago and St. Louis. The ruling goes into effect today.

Columbus, O., Sept. 22.—H. C. Baldwin, an engineer on the Miami and Erie canal, and a son of Barney Baldwin of Ashtabula county, a Republican member of the board of public works, has tendered his resignation to Chief Engineer James R. Marker, to take effect Oct. 1. Baldwin's resignation leaves the Miami and Erie canal without any engineers.

Tired Metals. Iron gets "tired" after many vibrations, but can be revived by a day's rest or by a warm bath. Lead very soon gets tired and would break after a comparatively short exposure to vibrations which merely "tire" iron.

## BALLINGER TO LAY BARE SECRETS OF ENEMIES

Denver, Sept. 22.—"When I get loose from public office I intend to devote a part of my time to giving the American people some idea of the purity of the lives of my traducers," said Richard A. Ballinger, secretary of the interior, at a banquet given in his honor by the Denver chamber of commerce and the real estate exchange.

"The public is entitled to know the hidden springs of inspiration which gush in torrents to uplift patriotism from these self-appointed moralists. I shall heartily enjoy using the 'searchlight' when the proper time

comes. I have no apologies to make to the American people for any act during my public career, or in any private capacity. I stand securely on my conscious rectitude and I defy my critics."

Ten Thousand Veterans March. Atlantic City, Sept. 22.—With tattered and riddled battleflags flying over their heads, 10,000 of the remnants of the hosts that fought for the preservation of the Union in the sixties joined in the biggest parade the resort has ever witnessed and one of the finest ever reviewed by a Grand Army chief.

### CHALLENGES DICK

John J. Lentz Tells Why He Wants Senatorial Toga.



## LENTZ SEEKS JOINT DEBATE WITH DICK

Former Congressman Enters Senatorial Race.

St. Clairsville, O., Sept. 22.—John J. Lentz of Columbus, in an address delivered at the Belmont county fair this afternoon, referred to his candidacy for the United States senate and issued a challenge to Senator Dick.

Among other things Mr. Lentz said: "I am not a candidate because the babies are crying for me. I am not a candidate because somebody has asked me to be a candidate. I am not a candidate because I want the honor as a decoration. I am a candidate because I want an opportunity to work day and night in behalf of the whole people of this great republic, believing that in rendering that service I will decorate myself with the highest honor, and believing that in securing that honor I shall have life's highest reward."

Outlines His Platform. If elected, Mr. Lentz promised to work in harmony with Democrats and progressive Republicans for a tariff for revenue on articles of luxury and not on articles of necessity; graduated income and inheritance taxes; a regulation that will regulate all trusts and monopolies; the selection of United States senators by direct vote of the people; insurance of bank deposits; a postal express for rural routes; a postal telegraph or electric mail; the preservation and conservation of all our resources; a law making it a crime to solicit, contribute or receive campaign contributions; the initiative and referendum, and the right of recall; strict economy in the administration of the government.

In conclusion Mr. Lentz said: "I challenge Senator Dick to a series of joint debates to discuss all the issues of the day, and particularly to give him an opportunity to explain why he has failed to introduce a bill for the improvement of our postal service by the use of the telegraph, as was advocated by him 10 years ago, before the Ohio postmasters' convention."

### Tales of Cities.

Winnipeg claims a death rate of but 12 per 1,000 and thinks this the lowest city figure on earth.

The marriages of London last year represent the lowest percentage of which there is any record.

There are buildings in Mexico City four, five and six stories high, but none of them has fire escapes.

In its anti-rat warfare San Francisco authorities caused the arrest of 400 persons for failing to observe the regulations in this respect.

### Animal Oddities.

Thoroughbred dogs are less intelligent than mongrels.

Dorking fowls have five toes, ordinary fowls usually four.

Camels are put to serious work at the age of eighteen months.

In proportion to its weight the wing of a bird is twenty times stronger than the arm of a man.

Palestine sheep have tails which are solid fat and weigh from six to eighteen pounds ordinarily. In Lebanon they often reach forty pounds.

## THREATENS TO BARE SECRETS

### Thomas Watson Orders Hoke Smith Off Ticket

Declares His Treatment Of Democratic Candidate For Governor Of Georgia Has Been Most Generous And But For Exercise Of Forbearance Nomination Would Not Have Come Hoke's Way—Is Preparing People For Another Carmack Case

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 22.—Thomas E. Watson, in an open letter published here, ordered ex-Governor Hoke Smith to resign the gubernatorial nomination. If Smith refuses to withdraw as nominee, Watson says he will expose the ex-governor and drive him from public life. Watson says: "I have the story of some of the horrible secrets of your double life. Little Joe Brown, when he was railroad commissioner, had the secrets, and they were in that letter which Brown handed you and which you refused to open or receive because you knew if you opened it the public would get at these secrets. Is it not true that Little Joe Brown faced you, handed you the letter himself, saying as he did so, 'This will tell you what I think of you,' and that you were afraid either to slap his jaws or to open that letter? You did retaliate by dismissing Brown from the railroad commission."

Pleads For Family. "Don't you think that you would be rendering your country a great service and your family a still greater one by retiring from the race for governor? Every friend of yours realizes that my treatment of you during this campaign was most generous. You yourself knew that had I published your private letters to me you would have been defeated overwhelmingly. I am preparing the minds of the people of Georgia for

another Carmack case, and if I should be assassinated my friends would be certain to kill you, as well as Congressman Hardwick and Congressman Howard. I warn you for the sake of peace in Georgia and for your family's sake to withdraw."

## RIOT CASES NOLLIED

Columbus, O., Sept. 22.—After several days had been spent in an ineffectual attempt to secure a jury to try the 21 persons alleged to have been guilty of rioting on Leonard avenue Aug. 29, the civil and military authorities held a conference and, as a result, Police Prosecutor Kerr nollied 17 of the 21 cases in police court. This leaves four persons, R. C. Aldridge, J. H. Beuchler, James Smith and T. W. Knecht to be tried by one jury when it is secured.

Columbus Physician Drowned. Boston, Sept. 22.—Dr. Orin W. Dages of Columbus, O., and Miss Mona Gibson, a trained nurse, both connected with the Boston floating hospital, were drowned in Fort Pond at Littleton.

## PARES DOWN RECORD ON COLUMBUS TRACK

Columbus, O., Sept. 22.—The Kentucky Stock Farm futurity for 3-year-old trotters, a two in three heat race, for a \$5,000 purse, was the main topic on the Grand Circuit race program. In this event Colorado E, the Colorado stallion, was a prohibitive

favorite, and in winning the second and last heat of the Stock Farm futurity event lowered his own world's record of 2:06 1/2 by trotting the mile in 2:05 1/2. This is the world's record for three-year-old trotters. Emily Ellen finished second and Grace third.

## REPRIMAND HANDED OUT TO PREACHER

Secret of Logan Conference Leaks After Close.

Columbus, O., Sept. 22.—The church trial of Rev. Arthur E. Mann, held in Logan during the recent Methodist Episcopal conference, was conducted so quietly that no intimation concerning it leaked out until after the ministers had returned to their charges. The outcome of that trial promises to cause some ill feeling, if nothing more, among the conference leaders.

Rev. Arthur E. Mann is the superintendent of the Marietta district, and has been under a cloud for a long time, in fact, ever since he was pastor of a church in Ironton. The rumors concerning his conduct with a certain woman of his congregation continued to circulate until the attention of the conference authorities was called to it, and it gained considerable publicity.

One of the first official acts of the conference in Logan was to appoint a committee of 15 ministers to investigate the rumors and try the superintendent on the charges of immoral and imprudent conduct, and the hearing continued through the greater part of four days.

In fact, it was the sensation of the conference, and far overshadowed the trial of the Rev. George W. Lott of Shepard, who was punished in spite of the fact that it was shown that he was mentally irresponsible for indiscretions committed on a streetcar in Chicago.

Opinion Was Divided.

In the case of the Rev. Mr. Mann, there was an inclination on the part of some members of the committee to return a finding of greater guilt, but after a long discussion, in order to make the report of the committee unanimous, a verdict of "high imprudence and unministerial conduct" was reached, and a recommendation made that "the accused be reprimanded by the bishop."

To the great surprise of the members of the committee and others who had been in touch with the hearing, the Rev. Mr. Mann was reappointed superintendent of the Marietta district, and the whole matter so lashed up that it did not even become generally known at the time.